



Diary Dates

Tues 4 Aug: SQA exam results issued

Mon 17 Aug: Teachers return for training.

Tues 18 Aug: Training Day 2. Course change opportunity for SQA pupils in light of results (11am–1pm)

Wed 19 Aug: Pupils in school. New S1 to Hall, extended tutor

Fri 21 Aug: Yeargroup Assemblies (S2-6).

Mon 24 Aug: House Assemblies all week. Carlyle Mon, Adam Smith Tues, Beveridge Wed, Oswald Thurs, Edinburgh Book Festival Trip

Mon 31 Aug: Year Assemblies - S1 Mon, S2 Tues, S3 Wed, S4 Thurs, S5/6 Fri

Tues 1 Sept: FoKHS meeting at 7pm

Fri 4 Sept: RME Trip to Oban/Mull

Mon 14 Sept: House Assemblies

Thurs 17 Sept: UCAS Higher Ed Convention, Rothies Halls (all S6)

Mon 21 Sept: Year Assemblies. S1 Team Building Week at Fordell Firs (Tues–Fri)

Tues 22 Sept: KHS pupils presentation re Teenage Health at International Conference in Glasgow

Fri 25 Sept: S4 Tracking Report posted

Mon 28 Sept: House Assemblies. S3 Employability Week – "Linked Learning"

Mon 5 Oct: House Assemblies—with Chaplain Ken Froude
Tues 6 Oct: End of Term Disco (evening)

Wed 7 Oct: School photos (S1/3/6)

Fri 9 Oct: New S1 Settling In Report posted. Dress Down Day and close for holidays until Mon 26 Oct

Sat 10– Fri 16 Oct: Classics Trip to Rome.

The Rector writes ...

For those of you who attended our recent Prizegiving, I wonder if you too were amazed at the extent and range of achievements recorded by our young people over the past twelve months. I certainly was. We've had a hectic and highly successful year—please see our Prizewinner lists on the back pages of this Newsletter and picture (right). And many thanks to Heather Stuart, former pupil and current Chief Executive of Fife Cultural Trust, who was our guest this year.

I must also thank you, the parent/carer community of KHS for your very strong backing and cooperation over the past year. All our successes as a school are based on this and it was a pleasure to be able to report the results of the "Parentwise" and "Pupilwise" surveys at Prizegiving. In 36 of the 39 questions asked, the KHS positive response rate exceeded the Fife average.

These recent online surveys were organised by Fife Council and the results show very high levels of appreciation for what we are trying to do here. An incredible 96% of those who responded said that they were "happy with the school". This compares very well with the equivalent figure for all Fife secondary schools. Across Fife 84% of respondents were happy with their high school.

As usual, we have a staff update. First off, very well done to Mrs Sim, who has been appointed to be the new Head of Maths at St Andrew's High School. I am sure she will be a great success. Also, best wishes to Mrs Parkin and Mr Matuszak, who will move to posts at Dunfermline and St Columba's High School respectively. Miss Band takes up a post at Balwearie High School after a very successful training spell here. Also leaving us to retire is Mrs Murie (Head of Languages). We wish Mrs Murie well and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to KHS. We

were all saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Murie's husband Ron at the start of June.

In August, we will welcome new staff Miss MacEachen and Miss Burke in Languages, Miss Malcolm and Mr Campbell in PE, Miss Braid in Geography, Miss Ashby in History and Miss Dickson in English. Best wishes to Miss Bruce and Miss Keeble, who have both gone off on maternity leave.

There are new additions to the Guidance Team from August with Mr Marshall joining Adam Smith House and Mrs Hunter taking up post in Carlyle. Congratulations to them.

We have also adjusted the yearhead responsibilities as follows; S1/S6—Mrs Aitken, S2/S5—Mr Young, S3—Mrs Davidson, S4—Miss Diamond.



I mentioned your strong support earlier. Many thanks for your continued backing on uniform, and especially the wearing of blazers. We have had a very good uptake and I know that many parents/carers appreciate the lengths we have gone to to secure a good deal. Please check the Academy Uniforms website to order a quality KHS blazer and badge for only £29.50. Blazers from other sources are also perfectly acceptable.

As always, if we can assist any parent/carer in any way, please be in touch. The Guidance Teacher is your first point of contact, and your son/daughter's Yearhead or myself can also be available should you wish.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for a happy and hopefully sunny, summer break.

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Helping at Dunnikier Country Park Fair

Prior to the Dunnikier Country Park Fair on Sunday 31st May, pupils from Kirkcaldy High School held a sponsored silence in aid of the day. With a whopping £492 raised, pupils were able to organise a junior sports day event. Many thanks too, to Miss Simpson-Wands.

Traditional races such as the egg and spoon, the sack, the bean bag and the three legged races were organised. Using the sponsor money, pupils were able to buy prizes to give the sports day an Olympic touch - with stickers and certificates for participants and gold medals for the lucky winners.



St Andrews University "First Chances"

On the basis of economic and social data, selected secondary schools from Fife participate in the First Chances project. Each school selects pupils from families with no strong tradition of higher education, who could be aided in raising their aspirations and fulfilling their potential. Pupils attend a residential summer school at the University and then over the period of the year, with the help of St Andrews student mentors, complete a project report and deliver an academic presentation. Very well done to the new Kirkcaldy High School S4 graduates, who are pictured below; Matthew Cargill, Kyle Dick, Jay Elder, Jade Hood, Bryn Jones, Mia Kelman, Katie Love, Phoebe MacDonald, Rebecca Meekison, Jay Morris, Jennifer Thomson and Callum White. Incredibly, all 12 of our pupils achieved "Distinction" - traditionally the highest level of pass. Indeed four of our pupils went on to gain a new standard; "High Distinction". Especially well done to Jade, Katie, Phoebe and Jennifer, who will be awarded "Achiever's Ties" in August.



Last year, Mr Allan, Rector, was guest speaker at the graduation and he thanked the University of St Andrews for actively seeking to improve access to higher education for working class pupils. He highlighted the terrible educational inequality which exists in modern Britain and urged the graduates to make the most of their chances, never forgetting their roots and their values.

We also have a new crop of S3 pupils who are now working towards graduating in 2016. Best wishes to; Blain Aitken, Stephanie Blyth, Jasmine Burns, Skye Deacon, Ella Deacon, Shannon Houston, Ryan Hume, Julia Lopatka, Fraser Roy, Lauren Scobie, Chloe Scott, Daniel Shand, Lauren Smith, Ewan Taylor, Morgan Thomson, Gabrielle Ward and Patrycja Zwicka. Also, many thanks to Mr Parkinson and Mrs Hunter for their excellent support.

KHS Success in Fife Hockey Shield

Very well done to our S1/2 mixed hockey team, which lifted the Fife Schools' Shield recently. The team beat some well established hockey schools such as Dunfermline, Bell Baxter High and Madras College in the process. Coach Mr Cromb said that he was very proud of his players and said that they had shown great sportsmanship as well as skill and team-work.

This was the first ever Fife Hockey Festival, and it was held at the Michael Woods Centre, Glenrothes in May. Codie Brown, Erin Carr, Finlay Conroy, Zak Dickson, Ryan Ferguson, George Pitcaithly, Jack AW Rae, Daniel Shand, Kianna Shearer and Nathan Tabor were the players who won 5 out of 6 games during the round robin matches.

In the play-off final, Finlay Conroy scored the winner after 38 seconds of extra-time to beat Dunfermline HS 2-1. Goalkeeper Daniel Shand had an outstanding tournament with many excellent saves. Congratulations!



Our "Big Event" to Mark the Session's End

All pupils had the chance to relax and enjoy the carnival atmosphere and sunshine at the end of session Big Event, and for those who had consistently shown a good attitude in school there was further recognition when we made a special prize draw for a mountain bike and a range of other prizes for each of our House groups: Adam Smith, Beveridge, Carlyle and Oswald. The lucky winners were;

- 1st Prize** – Bike Voucher (£150) for SPOKES CYCLES: Callum Wallace 2
- 2nd Prize** – Golf lesson at Elmwood Golf course: Alison Stirling 4
- 3rd Prize** – Golf Towel/ Hat - Wellsgreen Golf Range: Jack Bridgeford 3
- 4th Prize** – 4 Swim passes for Fife Leisure Centres: Ben Bellfield 4

Adam Smith House

- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Morgan Stokes 4A
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Conlan Sellers 3
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Rogan Clunie 2
- 1x Kino Cinema Ticket Glenrothes – Abbie Sparling 5
- iTunes Voucher – Liam Hannah 6
- iTunes Voucher – Megan Jones 6
- iTunes Voucher – Caitlin Greenhill –Lally 6
- Family ticket Dundee Ice Arena – Rachel Swinley 6
- Elite Indoor Paintball for 10 - Catherine Doherty 5

Beveridge House

- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Max Seath 2
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Heather Hall 6
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Rebecca Barnes 6
- 1x Kino Cinema Ticket Glenrothes – Zak Cairns 3
- iTunes Voucher – Shannon Ross 6
- iTunes Voucher – Lewis McLean 2
- iTunes Voucher – Lauren Dunnett 6
- Family ticket Dundee Ice Arena – Dylan Sked 2
- Elite Indoor Paintball for 10 – Joe Costello 6

Carlyle House

- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Rachael Rowley 3
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Brogan Wilkie 6
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Shauni Boyd 5
- 1x Kino Cinema Ticket Glenrothes – Aiden Matthew 4
- iTunes Voucher – Cameron Stewart 5
- iTunes Voucher – Lauryn Scott 4
- iTunes Voucher – Tanya Grieve 5
- Family ticket Dundee Ice Arena – Nicole Scott 2
- Elite Indoor Paintball for 10 – Leah Meldrum 2

Oswald House

- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Abbie Shepherd 5
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Tia Kelly 4
- 2x Fife Swim Pass – Mahabir Singh 2
- 1x Kino Cinema Ticket Glenrothes – Filip Wojtas 2
- iTunes Voucher – Megan Anderson 4
- iTunes Voucher – Rio Morris 2
- iTunes Voucher – Jake Ovenstone 2
- Family ticket Dundee Ice Arena – Luci Mavor 2
- Elite Indoor Paintball for 10 – Megan Scott 6



The draws took place at the Big Event on Thursday 2 July with great activities; giant inflatables including the impossible ladder and bungee skittles, tug of war, face painting, urban art, a mobile zoo, a dress up photo booth, jewellery making, nail bar, an ice cream stall and a variety of sports. We also had visiting stalls/workshops run by NHS Fife, "Penumbra" Mental Health, Police, Fire and Rescue and the Army. The event was expertly coordinated by the Recognition Committee and Mrs Davidson (Depute Rector) thanked all of the supporters and draw sponsors, especially Spokes Cycles, High Street, Kirkcaldy.

Dundee University Computing—Strathmore Trophy (by Rachel Scott S2)

On 16 June, Lewis Clark, William Peat, Hannah Denholm and Rachel Scott visited Dundee University to compete in the Strathmore Trophy Competition. We did not know what our task would be until we arrived. We had to design an app using AppInventor software which we had never used before. With the help of a university student we set about our task and managed to design an app about matching images and words. It would be suitable for toddlers and children and was called 'Learning Sport'. If you pressed an onscreen image, a sound could be heard e.g. 'moo' from a cow. If you pressed a text box the matching word 'cow' could be heard. This would be useful for people with sight or sound disabilities and dyslexic people.



Future developments to our app would be to listen to the spelling of the words and to check the pronunciation and it could also be adapted to learn foreign languages. Other apps from the other 19 Scottish schools included a homework app instead of study planners, a music app and games apps. Though we did not win the competition we had a great time at the university. Many thanks to Miss Murray for her support.

Please "BRAKE" When Passing The School

KHS pupils gave motorists something to think about when they lined a section of Dunnikier Way in June to urge them to slow down near schools.

KHS was taking part in the national "BRAKE" campaign which highlights this important issue. Over a thousand youngsters including visiting pupils from local primary schools took part in a walk around Dunnikier Park before returning to school along the busy Dunnikier Way. Miss Torp-Petersen (Guidance) said that the event had served its purpose and that many drivers will have got the message. "It

was also good to walk around the park.

We promote active and healthy living, as well as personal safety as part of our curriculum", she added.



Election of House Captains and Vice-Captains

Well done to the following S6 pupils who were recently elected to these important leadership positions;

- **Adam Smith** Captains: Megan Jones and Liam Sinclair. Vice-Captains: Alex Gibson and Adam Forsyth.
- **Beveridge** Captains: Molly Sinclair and Joe Costello. Vice-Captains: Nicole Carter and Jack Garvie.
- **Carlyle** Captains: Rachel Deas and Brogan Wilkie. Vice-Captains: Sarah Reid and Dillon Watson.
- **Oswald** Captains: Charlene Burza and Taylor Lafferty. Vice-Captains: Chelsea Connolly and Michael Lafferty.

KHS Making the News



Perhaps readers saw the STV news item on Friday 5 June? Concerns over children's intake of sugar, particularly in the form of fizzy drinks, was highlighted and given that KHS had taken steps to ban consumption of these drinks in school over 2 years ago, a reporting team came to school to hear the views of young people and staff.



All parents are asked not to include sugary drinks as part of a packed lunch for school.



"Step Up" Enterprise Primary School Links

As well as our two "Welcome Days" in June, sports days and various other links, we recently hosted a "Step Up With Enterprise" day for all of our new S1 pupils. This was led by staff from "Entrepreneurme" and was a terrific success. Special thanks go to Matt Stewart, founder of the company, who was a great host.

Matt was ably assisted by our own Dylan Champion and a large group of S3 "buddies". The challenge was to work together to produce a quality product on a budget. The winning teams very generously donated their cash prizes to Kirkcaldy Foodbank.



Wimbledon Success in Prince's Trust Tennis Shield

After a six week training period the S4 XL group won the end of course tennis tournament at Dunfermline Tennis Club recently.

The prize for the winners was an all expenses paid trip to the Open Tennis Championships at Wimbledon on Wednesday 1 July.

The group travelled on the Sleeper to London, had some time sightseeing in London in the morning then went on to Wimbledon for a reception by the Prince's Trust and had time to watch some matches. They returned in the evening by train and arrived home just before midnight. Barry Blackwood, Kyle Macrae, Ryan Puddifoot, Lewis Kellock, Connor McKenzie and Declan Bernard (all S4) are pictured above and were very well supported by Mrs Brewster and Mr Matuszak.



S2-4 Dance Leaders Achieve Level 1 Award



S2 at the Salter's Chemistry Festival, Heriot-Watt University

"Cut Out and Keep" – Important Dates for 2015-2016

Parents'/Carers' Evenings 2015-2016

These take place as detailed below, from 5.00pm – 7.30pm. Please expect your son/daughter to make appointments on the schedule which is issued about 2 weeks before each event. You will receive a letter with full details in advance;

P7 Tour of School
S1 Parents' Evening
S2 Learning Fair
S2 Parents' Evening

Thurs 29 Oct 15
Tues 17 Nov 15
Wed 17 Feb 16
Thurs 25 Feb 16

S3 Parents' Evening
S4 Parents' Evening
S5/6 Parents' Evening

Mon 1 Feb 16
Tues 8 Mar 16
Wed 2 Dec 15

Reporting Dates 2015-2016

As well as our regular "on-track" letters for S4-6, please expect more detailed reports to be posted home at these times;

S1 Settling In Report
S1 Report
S2 Report

Fri 9 Oct 15
Fri May 20 16
Fri 29 Jan 16

S3 Report (with Profile)
S4 Report
S5/6 Report

Fri 3 Jun 16
Fri 15 Jan 16
Mon 15 Feb 16

Term times, other important dates and lots of information about the school, including revision materials for exam courses, can be found on our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs. Remember you can always keep up to date on "Twitter" @KirkcaldyHigh

School Wins Major Environmental Prize

We are delighted to announce that KHS has won a national award - "Our Environment"- sponsored by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and "Young Scot". This is in recognition of the work we have done in conjunction with the Dunnikier Park Project.

The school has been closely involved with a variety of partners; Fife Council, Greener Kirkcaldy, Growing Kirkcaldy, Bug Life, Wild Fife and the Dunnikier Country Park Improvement Group. The award carries a £1000 prize and pupils involved were filmed as part of the project. The completed films will soon be available on the Young Scot website.



Our picture shows Miss Higham (PT STEM) along with pupils involved and members of the judging panel for the Dunnikier Country Park "Green Flag" bid (above). On the left we have a picture of Miss Dempsey and her class undertaking a biodiversity survey at one of the new ponds.

"Cash For Kids" at ASDA

Jean Ritchie, the ASDA Community Life Champion has been in touch to say a "massive thank you" to the KHS pupils who recently went along to help bag pack to raise money for Forth FM "Cash for Kids".

On the day the amount raised was a fantastic £316.78. Thanks to Jean also. ASDA is an excellent community and business partner.



KHS Talent on Show

Well done the S6 pupils who organised our end of session Talent Show. Miss Band and Miss McIntosh were superb hosts and a great deal of work had been put in behind the scenes by a large team led by William Rae and Louise Wallace. The judges had a very difficult task to choose between finalists: Chris Mack (eventual winner), Kwanele Kunene, Catherine Doherty and Clara Gouveia, Grant Napier and Megan Burt.

There was also an emotional farewell performance by the staff karaoke star Mrs Parkin.

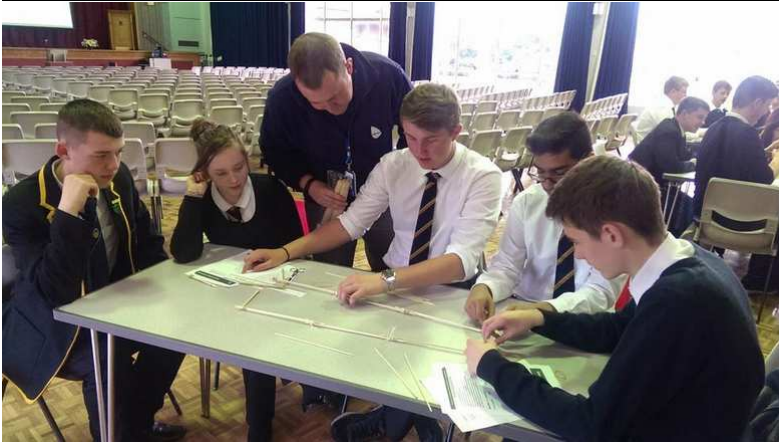
Senior Prom at Garvock Hotel, June 2015

Our annual Senior Prom—the official send-off to the "Class of 2015", took place this year at Garvock House Hotel, Dunfermline and was a very stylish and happy affair. It was a real tribute to the many pupils who contributed to its organisation as part of the Prom Committee and many staff, who had attended previous Proms, regarded this as one of the best ever.

After a very close judging session, Sarah Connell was named "Prom Queen" and Scott Binnie was the "Prom King".



Babcock Rosyth Engineers Visit Higher Maths



On Wednesday 17 June, a group of engineers from Babcock International Rosyth came to the school to work with our Higher Mathematics pupils. Pupil teams were given the task of designing, building and testing (to the point of collapse!) a model crossbeam as part of the Goliath Crane Challenge. The pupils had to buy the required resources and work within a given budget. All of these are key employability skills.

This was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to see how their mathematical skills can be applied in a real life context. Mr S Allan, of the Maths Dept, who organised the event, said that the engineers from Babcock were very impressed by the way in which our pupils worked together and were able to build creative structures which met the given criteria.

UK Maths Challenge Success

Well done to the following pupils who scored very highly in the recent UK Maths Challenge Competition;

Gold - Euan Sandilands, Michael Panarella, Cameron Bowie, Calum Jackson, Caitlin Tindal

Silver - David Smith, Jordan Donaldson, Sarah Cook, Reece Horsburgh, Megan Penman Gabrielle Ward, Megan Jobson

Bronze - Greg Robertson, Cieran Auchterlonie, Rachael Stoddart, Robbie Henderson, Dionne Colston Mhoren Batchelor, Fraser Roy, Kiara Montgomery.

This is the most demanding of competitions and our "Gold" winners qualify for the next round.

REMINDER: A full change of kit is required for all PE lessons - and all pupils must change back into uniform at the end of each lesson. Please do not allow your child to come to school dressed for PE. Thanks.

Sports Leaders Assist at Disability Sport Fife Athletics



Many thanks to our Sports Leaders, who were widely praised for their excellent support at the recent DSF Games at Pitreavie. This was the new team's first official duty and the members made an excellent contribution.

We are grateful to Richard Brickley and his colleagues at DSF for involving our young people in supporting disabled athletes. It is a privilege to be able to assist – and it provides a very rich experience for our young people, developing key skills for life and work.

The new team is pictured at Pitreavie with Miss McIntosh of the PE Department.

Municipal Journal Awards Finals 2015

Last month, the school won through to the final eight in a major UK public service competition after its pioneering work in reducing teenage pregnancy was further recognised. The Municipal Journal Awards, which showcase excellence in local government, took place in Park Lane, London on 18 June and KHS was shortlisted in the "Children's Services" category.

David Torrance, the MSP for Kirkcaldy and a member of the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee, has described KHS' work in relation to improving sexual health as "proactive, progressive and pragmatic – and based on partnerships". He had particular praise for the part KHS has played in reducing the local rate of under 16 pregnancy by over 60% in 4 years.

The approach taken involves peer education with specially trained pupil leaders and an "in house" contraception clinic. Last year it resulted in the achievement of a COSLA "Excellence Award". The awards were presented by the Rt Hon William Hague, former Foreign Secretary, and we were represented by Mrs Houston and Mrs Ritchie (Guidance Team Leaders), who were joined by Val Reid and Debbie Wilson of NHS Fife. Although we didn't win the overall award, which went to Nottingham Council, to be a finalist is a real accolade for any school.



S6 Induction Day Sets the Right Tone



Our S6 Induction is always an important occasion and this year it took place on Friday 5 June with a range of speakers giving talks and demonstrations including personal finance, careers, volunteering, "buddying" for younger pupils and healthy eating.

In the afternoon we had team building and problem solving games which were very well received. Many thanks to Mr Farquharson for his terrific organisation of the event.

P7 Sports Day at KHS

Our future sport leaders were heavily involved with "Active Schools" Coordinator Robert Greenhorn when the new P7 pupils visited KHS for sports day in June. We had sessions with "Planet Judo", Kirkcaldy Rugby Club and Raith Rovers among others.

This year 10 activities took place all over the school. 33 nominated mentors from S3 took on their first leadership role in supporting over 180 pupils in their activities for a full morning. Feedback from the primaries was excellent after this event.



Parent Council News

Congratulations to Derek Dunsire, new chair of the Kirkcaldy High School Parent Council. Derek replaces Lorraine Wilkinson, who has stood down after many years of excellent service.



**Derek Dunsire,
Parent Council, Chair**

Following on from a very successful information evening last session on Online Safety, the Parent Council is planning to arrange further talks on a range of topics such as; new curricular options, drugs, alcohol and "legal highs", behaviour management, employability and new learning methods. You can contact Derek via school— please call 583405.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 Sept at 6.30pm and new members are always welcome.

Cancer Cell Research with Dundee University

Recently, Higher Human and National 5 Biology pupils were involved in a cancer workshop run by the Dundee Cancer Centre (affiliated with the University of Dundee) and Dundee Science Centre. Pupils listened to a short talk about the effects of cancer on human cells before being given the opportunity to observe real biopsies of skin cancer cells using microscopes.

Pupils then went on to use DNA electrophoresis techniques to identify the DNA patterns associated with cancer cells. This was a fascinating experience for our budding scientists and a part of our strong emphasis on "STEM" across the school.



New Prefect Team & Heads Welcomed

After a tough selection process we are pleased to announce that 64 appointments have been made (please see details on our website; www.fifedirect.org.uk/kirkcaldyhs).

Thanks to David Torrance MSP, who was part of the interview panel which appointed the Heads and Deputies; Head Boy – William Rae. Deputies – Calum Hughes and Ross Glancy. Head Girl – Louise Wallace. Deputies – Megan Greer, Louise Newberry and Talia Toruntay.

The full list of Prefects is:

Louise Wallace
William Rae
Megan Greer,
Talia Toruntay,
Louise Newberry,
Ross Glancy,
Calum Hughes,
Nicole Batchelor,
Audrey Boateng
Charlene Burza

Jake Car
Nicole Carter
Tiegan Clark
John Clark
Chelsea Connolly
Joe Costello
Jack Cowan
Megan Craig
Rhiannon Cross
Megan Davidson
Rachel Deas
Katie Deas
Kirsten Dobbie
Lauren Dunnett
Nathan Fenton
Lauren Ferriday
Adam Forsyth
Jack Garvie
Kristy Gibson
Alex Gibson
Caitlin Greenhill-Lally
Heather Hall
Liam Hannah
Georgia Hepburn
Jodi Hood
Megan Jones
Taylor Lafferty
Hannah Low
Christopher Mack
Jamie Mackie



Charlotte-Louise MacMillan
Usamah Majeed
Kyle Martin
Luis Mavor
Ryan Millar
Lauren Millar
Sophie Murray
Jack Murray
Grace Pierce
Emma Powrie
Sarah Reid
Emma Robinson

Zeba Sajad
Georgia Scott
Martyn Simpson
Molly Sinclair
Liam Sinclair
Megan Smith
Kirsty Stott
Hannah Thomson
Dillon Watson
Phoebe Whiteman
Brogan Wilkie
Olivia Zengota



Our new team of Active School Ambassadors:
Owen Robertson, Leah Bidgood, Natasha Moffat, Lauren Kerr, Bethany Cunningham and Ryan McGowan.

At the Active Schools Golf Tournament held at Leuchars, Fraser Binnie (right) won the Junior Open, with the trophy presented by the Provost of Fife. He is pictured with Kieran Harmes, Natasha Moffat and Greg Mutch.



Go4SET Science & Technology Award

School teams from across Fife and Falkirk attended Fife College on Friday 8 May to show innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) projects with an environmental emphasis, and KHS came away having been selected as the winners of the "Student's Choice" award. At the event the KHS team displayed their model "eco-hotel" to a group of assessors and discussed their projects with guests attending the event.

Each school was supported by a local business and we thank Glenrothes based Brand-Rex for being excellent partners and mentors. The judges who had the hard task of selecting the winning team were from leading businesses such as Diageo, Alexander Dennis, GE Oil and Gas and Rolls-Royce. Deputy Provost Kay Morrison at Fife Council attended the event and commented "I left today's event feeling energised and optimistic, having seen the results of a project which gave young people opportunities to experiment, to test their ideas and understanding in an imaginative way. They planned, constructed and presented a concept which incorporated scientific, engineering and technological thinking".

Our picture shows Kennedy Miller of Brand-Rex, with Physics teacher Miss Tennant, Lauren Scobie, Kiara Montgomery, Shannon Houston, Kyle Pitcaithly and Steph Marshall of Brand-Rex.



"Energy Hub" Graduation Makes Learning Real

Kirkcaldy High School is proud to have seen the first group of official Fife "Energy Hub" students graduate in June. Our group of young engineers was mentored by experienced engineers, employers and apprentices in offshore and renewable engineering, boosting their employability prospects in a range of engineering fields—especially within the oil and gas sector.

All of the graduates studied Engineering Science in school and had the opportunity to develop high level "hands-on" skills through evening class sessions at Fife College and site visits/work experience—including a trip to Aberdeen, Europe's oil capital.

The school is strongly committed to support young people's employability skills and has a great tradition in engineering—and it is to the credit of our graduates that this programme was undertaken as an "evening class". Mr Morrice, Head of CDT and Mr Hamilton, Senior Teacher (Engineering Science) were both heavily involved in supporting the "Hub" group. Mr Allan (Rector) thanked them for their commitment and congratulated the graduates at a special ceremony held at Dunnikier House Hotel on June 16. He also thanked the programme sponsors—especially Sparrows Group and Datch Offshore, both based in the North East of Scotland and major players in the North Sea oil industry. We are currently recruiting the next cohort to undertake the "Hub" programme.



The 2015 graduates are pictured: Liam Hannah, Ian Duncan, Jake Carr, Liam Sinclair, Brogan Wilkie, Zak Morris, Dominic Limbert, Luke Johnston, Kyle Martin and Chris Mack.

KHS Success at Fife Schools Athletics



Congratulations to all who took part, and in particular the KHS medallists, in the Fife Schools Athletics Championships, held at Pitreavie on 9 June.

Chloe Dargie was runner up in the high jump and Curtis Johnson took silver in the javelin. Chloe and Curtis are pictured (left).



School Uniform Arrangements 15/16

We have made arrangements with a reliable supplier to provide a durable, machine washable KHS blazer for only £29.50 inclusive of an embroidered badge.

Trained staff from the company were in school in June and you can still acquire a blazer by ordering online. Please order directly at; www.academyuniformsLtd.co.uk. Look out for the "Kirkcaldy High" tab. Ties can be had from the school for only £3.

Of course, other blazers sourced locally are also quite acceptable.



World Burns Federation Win for Louise

New KHS Head Girl, Louise Wallace, was one of several young Fifers recently commended by the Provost at a reception laid on to mark winners in the World Burns Federation Competition finals held recently in Glasgow.

After her rendition of "Coming Through The Rye", Louise won the S5/6 vocals and was named as the "Best Singer" in the entire competition. She was awarded an Achiever's Tie in the school and was presented with a beautiful Quaich by Provost Jim Leishman at a special reception held at Kirkcaldy Town House on June 2.

STOP PRESS ... Very well done to the KHS Kitchen team, which won the "Best Catering Unit" title at the Fife Council Awards at the end of June. Special congratulations go to Irene Cunningham, who was named as Fife's "Catering Employee of the Year" at the "Dinnerladies Oscars". Irene was also part of the school's Royal Garden Party group.

Great Tapestry of Scotland at Kirkcaldy Galleries

CDT Visit to Coca Cola at East Kilbride

Product Design and Graphic Communication pupils enjoyed a visit to Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd in East Kilbride on Tuesday 23 June. This visit was of great interest and really reinforced and contextualised aspects of the CDT curriculum.

The pupils participated in a series of design based workshops and had a full tour of the company's production plant. We are always looking for ways to make learning real and improve our young people's understanding of their future as part of Scotland's young workforce.



S1 Readers proudly show off their certificates after participating in our S6 Paired Reading programme. The S6 volunteers are thanked—they also qualify for a Saltire Volunteering Award.

Modern Studies Visit to Kirkcaldy Courthouse

Modern Studies pupils studying Crime and the Law visited the Sheriff Court in Kirkcaldy recently. They were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet with Sheriff McCulloch and with one of the Procurator Fiscals who set out what their roles were and the procedures that take place in court. Pupils also found out about the types of cases heard in the Sheriff Court and the range of sanctions available to the Sheriff.

Pupils spent the morning sitting in on a court session and getting first - hand experience of what happens. Sitting in the jury box, they were able to see the Procurator Fiscal, lawyers and the Sheriff at work.

There was also the opportunity to find out more about pathways to a career in law and pupils were most appreciative of the time that both the Sheriff and the Fiscal spent with them.

This visit was both interesting and very valuable as pupils may now wish to investigate this area further as part of their courses and National Qualifications.



Fife "Pi" Competition Winners Enjoy Heriot Watt University

At the end of May, our pupils were invited to Heriot Watt University as a reward for winning a Fife wide "Pi" Day competition. Pi Day is celebrated annually on March 14 (3.14!!)

Our pupils took part in seminars run by the University's Maths and Actuarial Maths Departments. These seminars linked maths to the real world and helped pupils understand the relevance of maths in the workplace. In the 'Keep Calm I'm an Actuary' session, pupils were challenged into thinking about insurance premiums and how to minimise risk.

The pupils who represented the school so well were Larissa Hodge, Shannon Houston, Alicia Sinclair, Jamie Lawson, Hannah Higgins, Ella Dews, Chloe Geddes, Morgan Sinclair and Natasha Stoddart.



By Royal Appointment

Congratulations to the staff who were invited to represent Kirkcaldy High School at the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood House on Wed 1 July. Selected for their length and quality of service to the school, the following staff members attended and had the chance to see the Queen (from back left);



Irene Cunningham (Kitchen Staff), John Melville (Teacher), Lorraine Lister (Janitor), Bill Lister (Chief Technician), Marilyn Duncan (Support Assistant), Anita Lindsay (Business Manager), Anna Horner (Cleaner), Connie Laing (Tea Lady and HE Assistant), Lesley Hardie (Support Officer) and Gavin Morrice (Teacher).

Activities Day = Full On Active Fun



In May we again enjoyed our annual Activities Day which included trips to Alton Towers, Bowling, Crazy Golf, Cinema, M and D's Theme Park, Paintballing, and Snow Factor at Braehead.



This year, for the first time, we rated trips as "Gold", "Silver" and "Bronze". Those pupils who had consistently respected the school's values throughout the session had the first chance to take part in the most popular activities.



New Intake S1 Pupils Welcomed to KHS

Miss Diamond (Depute Rector) thanks everyone who was involved with our P7 Welcome Days in June. The feedback from parents was very positive and the pupils themselves were buzzing with enthusiasm about coming to KHS.

Our S6 "buddies" were a great help to the 210 pupils from Capshard, Cardenden, Fair Isle, North, Pathhead, Sinclairtown, Torbain, Valley and West Primary Schools.



They sampled taster lessons in most subjects, took part in the "Brake Walk", got the chance to meet new classmates and then enjoyed a disco on the Thursday evening.

Parents and carers were also invited in to school to meet with Guidance staff and prefects to discuss aspects of the transition and arrangements for August.

There was also the opportunity to purchase a blazer and other items of school uniform from Academy Uniforms, whose website is at; www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk. Parents are reminded that blazers purchased from other outlets are also perfectly acceptable.



Health Week Focus is a Worthwhile Exercise!

In May, Health and Wellbeing was a major focus of learning across S1-3 when Inter-House Games and taster activities with local sports clubs were at the core of "Health Week". Many thanks to the groups/clubs who contributed. It was great to provide young people with a real life link to out of school activities. Thanks to:

Fife Floorball Club, Kingdom Kangaroos Australian Rules Football Club, Cluny Golf, Kirkcaldy Tennis Club, Kirkcaldy Body Combat, Linton Tae Kwon Do and Carnegie Hockey Club of Dunfermline.



University Art Prize for Julia

Pond Dips at Exxon By Aeryn Scotcher (S3)

On Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June the whole of S3 Biology went to Exxon Mossmorran to do some pond dipping and to learn about the pond life. We learned about the different sorts of fish, bugs and beasties that live in and around a pond. We also got the chance to catch some pond life with nets and a tray.



My favourite part of the whole trip was being able to catch some different creatures as we were able to identify them with a table with all the different creatures on it. It was a fun trip and I hope S3 will be able to go on more trips like this in the future.

Most of Mrs Donaldson's S2 Art & Design pupils entered the St. Andrews University Museum (MUSA) Art Competition; this year the theme was "Brilliant Bodies". Pupils took inspiration from the University's collection of images and artifacts. Works were judged on various criteria including how creative and original their artwork was and how well they handled materials.



At a prizegiving ceremony in St Andrews Julia Lopatka S2 was commended in the S1-S3 category. This is a great achievement, especially as this year's entries were the biggest yet at 903! Julia's work will be displayed in the University's Gateway Galleries from the 6th of June to the 22nd of August and can also be viewed online at www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museum/art-competition Well done Julia!

Mrs Donaldson is also delivering a Recycled Fashion course as part of the S1 Enrichment this year and is putting a plea out to anyone who has anything they no longer need that could be turned into something new! She is looking for anything and everything from tin cans to milk cartons and bottle tops, old magazines, old fabric, even plumbers off cuts - the more unusual and interesting the better! If you can help please contact Mrs Donaldson at KHS Art & Design Department or email caroline.donaldson-kk@fife.gov.uk.

Kirkcaldy High School Prizewinners 2015

Announced at Prizegiving on 9 June 2015 by Audrey Diamond –
Depute Rector

Effective Contributors

Best Student Fife College VIEW Program

Grant Napier 4C10

Community Learning and Development Citizenship Award

Scott Binnie 6C08

Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy Leadership Award

Mark Dunsire 6O10

Alison Stewart Hair Award for Hospitality

Nicole Ligman 5A01

The Pauline Forrester Award for Creative Cakes

Chevonne Leggat 6C11

The Eileen Montador Award for Services to the Library

Caitlyn Auchterlonie 6O10

Kieran MacDonald 6A05

Anne Middleton Memorial Award for School Service

Abigail James 6B10

Lauren Stalker 6B10

Contribution to the Class of 2014 Awarded by Head Boy & Girl

Kerin Boston 6A05

Claire Wallace 6B04

Sheena Archibald "Respect" Quaich

Heather Tait 6C01

House Awards

Ryan K Wallace 6A05

Jade Peggie 6B02

Rachel Smith 6C05

Kerry Steedman 6O02

Dunnikier Park Golf Club Award for Positive Attitude and Commitment to PE

Kieran Harmes 2A06

Natasha Moffat 4C10

Award for Leadership in Sport and The Alistair McKillop Trophy

Olivia Dickson 6A11

Fife Schools Hockey Championships Winners

Codie Brown 2C12

Erin Carr 2C07

Finlay Conroy 2C07

Zak Dickson 2C12

Ryan Ferguson 2C11

George Pitcaithly 2C11

Jack AW Rae 2B07

Daniel Shand 2A11

Kianna Shearer 1B07

Nathan Tabor 1B05

Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Champion 2015

Calum Hughes 5O03

Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Plate Champion 2015

Megan Greer 5A11

Kirkcaldy High School Table Tennis Stroke Play Winner 2015

Robbie McEwan 5C01

Gregor Smith Memorial Prize for Outstanding Commitment to Table Tennis 2015

Callum Ritchie 1O01

Confident Individuals

Disability Sport Fife Award for Service to School Sport

Lauren Kerr 4C01

Ryan Millar 5O03

Jane Macgregor Prize for Contribution to School Ethos

Baiba Briska 6C12

Daniel Corstorphine 6C08

Mitch Rigby 6C01

entrepreneur.me Award for Enterprise

Osama Aslam 3A12

Fife Educational Trust Award for Resilience

Caitlyn Greenhill-Lally 5A11

Responsible Citizens

The Rector's Award for the School's Most Outstanding Ambassador

Joe Lafferty 3O03

Police Scotland Award for Service to the School Community

John Clark 5A02

Jack Cowan 5A08

Shannon Reynolds 5B12

The KHSA Prize for Charity Work

Kristy Gibson 5O09

Calvin O'Kane 5B07

Abbotsford Care Award for Services to the Community

Kirstin Gourlay 6C05

Announced by Jennifer Davidson – Depute Rector

Successful Learners

John Smart Son (Kirkcaldy) Limited & Disability Sport Fife

General Excellence – First Year & Second Year

Amie-Louise Clark	1B09
Dylan Clemison	2C05
John Hamilton	1B12
Sorcha Cross	2A10
Dylan Jobson	1B09
Abbie Ferriday	2O08
Megan Jobson	1C11
Hannah Higgins	2O01
Claire Love	1O01
Kiara Montgomery	2B09
Luci Mavor	1O07
Michael Panarella	2B04
Erinn Parter	1O02
Mollie Turner	2O05
Max Seath	1B11
Gabrielle Ward	2A01
Owen Smith	1O06
Caitlin Tindal	1C10
Cara Turner	1O05

Junior Maths Challenge Gold and Best in School

Michael Panarella	2B04
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Junior Maths Challenge Gold and Best in Year

Calum Jackson	1C04
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Junior Maths Challenge Silver

Reece Horsburgh	2A11
Megan Jobson	1C11
Megan Penman	2B12
Gabrielle Ward	2A01

Junior Maths Challenge Bronze

Mhoren Batchelor	2O08
Kiara Montgomery	2B09
Fraser Roy	2C08
Caitlin Tindal	1C10

House Trophies

Merit	Oswald
Academic	Oswald
Inter-house Events	Adam Smith
Inter-house Sports	Carlyle

Announced by Sandy Young – Depute Rector

CREST Bronze awards (CREativity in Science and Technology)

Esha Aslam	1B08
Myles Bolton	1O02
Hannah Denholm	1B01
Rebecca Fair	1B05
Natalie Innes	1C06
Brodie Ritchie	1O06
Mahabir Singh	1O01
Dominika Valente	1B03

CREST Silver awards (CREativity in Science and Technology)

Shannon Houston	2B12
Kiara Montgomery	2B09
Kyle Pitcaithly	2B03
Lauren Scobie	2B09
Ewan Taylor	2B08

Bosch Rexroth Award for the Young Engineer of the Year

Fahid Mohammad	4B12
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The James McEwan Awards for Outstanding Achievement in History

Ashley Davidson	4O01	for excellence
Kendra Gatherum	4B06	for excellence
Shauni Boyd	4C03	for achievement

Dr McKillop Prize for Achievement in Classics

Dana Scott	4O08
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Royal Bank of Scotland plc & PayWizard Group PLC

General Excellence – Third Year & Fourth Year

Matthew Cargill	3O04
Tamara Alrahow	4C10
Jay Elder	3A12
Leah Bidgood	4O09
Jade Hood	3O08
Ashley Davidson	4O01
Phoebe MacDonald	3O07
Rebecca Hay	4O11
Christy Ritchie	3C02
Casey Johnston	4C05
Laurn Scott	3C02
Lauren Kerr	4C01
Isla Wright	3O09
Sohaib Mahmood	4C03
Chloe Newton	4C06
Alisha O'Callaghan	4A03
Kimberley O'Callaghan	4A03
David Smith	4A03
Rachael Stoddart	4B10

Intermediate Maths Challenge Gold and Best in School

Euan Sandilands	4B09
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Intermediate Maths Challenge Silver and Best in Year

Jordan Donaldson	3O09
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Intermediate Maths Challenge Silver

Sarah Cook	3B03
David Smith	4A03

Intermediate Maths Challenge Bronze

Cieran Auchterlonie	4C02
Dionne Colston	3O05
Robbie Henderson	3A08
Greg Robertson	4A06
Rachel Stoddart	4B10

Announced by Debbie Aitken – Senior Depute Rector

Senior Maths Challenge Silver and Best in School

Jordan Sinclair	6O12
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Senior Maths Challenge Silver

Adam Campbell	6A03
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Senior Maths Challenge Bronze and Best in Year

Christopher Mack	5C05
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Senior Maths Challenge Bronze

Christopher Duffy	6A03
Cameron Stone	6A08

Mathematician of the Year – "The Bod's Trophy"

Kerry Steedman	6O02
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The Waterstones Award for English Essays

Sophie Murray	5O06
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The Jonathan Clark/Dunne Memorial Prize for Technology

Megan Sutherland	6O07
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Bosch Rexroth Award for the Engineer of the Year

Liam Sinclair	5A12
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Anne Middleton Memorial Award for Business Education

John Clark	5A02
Jack Cowan	5A08

The Lesley Mellon Award for Love of Art

Sarah Dagostino	4B12
Lachlan Duncan	4O02

The Tanya Turnbull Award for the Love of Drama

Ryan K Wallace	6A05
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The Galloway Award for Drive and Enthusiasm in Music

Christopher Mack	5C05
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The World Burns Federation Schools Festival First Place in S5/6 and Best Singer Overall

Louise Wallace	5B04
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Arkwright Scholarships

Megan Craig	5A12
Megan Greer	5A11
Erin Sandilands	5B09
Reece Young	5A03

Scottish Baccalaureate

James Farmer	6O07
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SQA Leadership Award

Abigail James	6B10
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Higher Awards

Abbotsford Care Award	Care	Aimee	Burt	6C02
Disability Sport Fife	PE	Nicole	Carter	5B06
Binnie Prize	Music 1st =	Jamie	Clark	6B03
PayWizard Group PLC	Spanish	Rachel	Deas	5C02
Cupcakes by Melissa	Modern Studies	Rachel	Deas	5C02
Waterstones	Art 1st =	Chelsea	Doherty	5B03
Dr McKillop	Latin	Christopher	Duffy	6A03
Exxon Mobil Chemical Ltd	Chemistry	Iain	Duncan	5B01
Charlie Reid - Travel	Chemistry	Lauren	Ferriday	5O08
ASDA	English	Lauren	Ferriday	5O08
Dr Guthrie	Human Biology	Lauren	Ferriday	5O08
John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd	Computing	Cameron	Fleming	6O10
PayWizard Group PLC	Business Management	Jamie-Luke	Garrett	6B09
ASDA	History	Ross	Glancy	5B08
Fife Auto Centre & Easityre Award	Engineering Science	Liam	Hannah	5A01
PayWizard Group PLC	PE	Liam	Hannah	5A01
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	Classical Studies	Rose	Henderson	6A08
Audrey Diamond Award	Comm 4 Winner	Ryan	Jenkins	6O12
Highland House	Administration	Lauren	Kirkpatrick	6A08
John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd	Graphic Communication	Chris	Mack	5C05
Waterstones	Drama 1st=	Charlotte-Louise	MacMillan	5O12
Exxon Mobil Chemical Ltd	Physics	Kyle	Martin	5O06
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	Mathematics	Zak	Morris	5O12
Waterstones	Art 1st =	Sophie	Murray	5O06
Robert Adam	Mathematics	Erin	Sandilands	5B09
Charlie Reid - Travel	Geography	Megan	Scott	6O05
Brand-Rex Ltd	Computing	Cameron	Stone	6A08
John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd	Product Design 1st =	Kirsty	Stott	5A05
John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd	Product Design 1st =	Hannah	Thomson	5B07
Binnie Prize	Music 1st =	Louise	Wallace	5B04
Waterstones	Drama 1st=	Ryan K	Wallace	6A05

Advanced Higher Awards

Waterstones Award	Art	Baiba	Briska	6C12
Brand-Rex Ltd	Computing Science	Adam	Campbell	6A03
Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy	Drama	Christopher	Duffy	6A03
Binnie Prize	Music	Rachel	Dunlay	6A07
Waterstones	Business Management	Mark	Dunsire	6O10
Exxon Mobil Chemical Ltd	Chemistry	James	Farmer	6O07
Allan Wilson (Snack Sales) Ltd	Mathematics	Cameron	Fleming	6O10
Neil Robertson	Technological Studies	Cameron	Fleming	6O10
Fife Auto Centre & Easityre Award	Geography	Jamie-Luke	Garrett	6B09
Brand-Rex Ltd	Computing Science	Ryan	Hope	6C12
Waterstones	Latin	Abigail	James	6B10
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	History	Abigail	James	6B10
John Smart & Son (Kirkcaldy) Ltd	Classical Studies	Ben	Ramsay	6C09
PayWizard Group PLC	Modern Studies	Rachel	Smith	6C05
Colin Moyes Award	Graphic Communication	Cherelle	Torrens	6O06

Announced by Derek Allan - Rector

Dux Runner-Up, Lorna Mowbray Trophy
Jamie-Luke Garrett 6B09

Dux of School, Dr Guthrie Award and Medal
Christopher Duffy 6A03 (right)

Head Boy and Head Girl Medals
William Rae 6A09 (left)
Louise Wallace 6B04 (centre)

Medals kindly sponsored by Friends of Kirkcaldy High School.

